

RX4 Meeting
January 20, 2010
5:15 PM

Members Present: Blanche Davison, Ross Nason, Tom Longstaff, Lassandra Von Appen, Mike Roy, Linda Woods

1. Blanche wrote a letter to the editor about the importance of bringing your own bags. We are hoping it will be in the *Sentinel* soon. We all commented on being pleased by the *Sentinel's* coverage of "Where We've Been/ Where We're Going."
2. Mike & Ross appreciated Blanche's presentation on Saturday.
3. Ross would like Mike to speak at on January 26 at 10:45 AM at the Maine Resource Recovery Association Municipal Workshop session to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn on community involvement. Mike assured Ross that someone will represent Sustain Mid-Maine Coalition at this event. (Elery Keene will be doing this.)
4. Lassandra summarized the Green Sanctuary program at the Universalist-Unitarian Church.
5. Tom wishes the *Sentinel* had given more details about the heat exchange system being added to the renovation library. There is no more oil heat being used in the library. Tom is on the facilities committee for the library. Ross said a Hallowell Heat Pump is 363 % effective. (Wow!)
6. Review of Catalyst Reunion
 - Create a unified brochure about details of recycling at various facilities
 - Important to do this electronically
 - Marian volunteered to write the Lightning Grant to print the brochure. First, Linda suggested that Marian could look into the cost of put this info on the back page of the phone book. Check the EZ Book, too. Maybe the grant could fund this.
 - Tom said people ask him what to do with batteries and drugs. Blanche thought Andrew said these could go into the regular trash. This is true—but not rechargeable batteries. Ross gets calls about recycling electronics and paint.
 - It appears that Saturday's group looked for regionalization of recycling. To fulfill this, there needs to be a person on this team from each town who is willing to serve in this capacity. Ideally, we would like a representative to be a liaison between Sustain Mid-Maine and town/city and to communicate between the two entities. Do we try to get people on this team to volunteer to talk to city/town councils? It might work to have team members do this: Ross-Fairfield; Blanche-Waterville; Lassandra-Winslow; Linda-Oakland. OR do we ask a member of each city/town's department to attend these meetings?

- Tom mentioned “the new continent”: a bunch of plastic in the ocean that is the size of the United States.
- Instead of trying to get schools to do posters about recycling, maybe we could use the churches. Maybe the After School Program at the Alford and Teen Center in the South End. Maybe the Montessori School would be interested in developing posters to encourage recycling. Maine Recycles Week Steering Committee coordinates a calendar. A former governor’s wife wrote a book about recycling. Ross will look into this. Maybe we could get this person to read at the library.

3. Unified disposal brochure

- There was a good start created by the Colby interns
- Where and what to recycle: all things from ordinary, to electronics, to hazardous.
- Needs to include every town because they differ.
- There are new drop-off trailers in Winslow at the library.
- Something that can go on the refrigerator or bulletin board. Maybe a spread sheet that allows for tracking between the towns.

4. Reduce plastic bags

- Have people sign a pledge not to use plastic bags
- Linda will contact Johnny’s about the grant availability.
- Include the brochure with the bag
- Have our logo on it

The next meeting will **Wednesday, February 10 at 5:15 in the Mayor’s Conference Room.**

Agenda for the next meeting will include conversation about the National Clothesline Project.